

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/22/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11, 13 and 14, now renumbered as 1-12.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicants' attorney, Mr. Steven Bartholomew, on 06/08/2007.

Please amend claims 1, 5, and 9 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for identifying, categorizing, and sharing web site links over a communications network via a web key tool, comprising:

receiving a request at a first user client system to incorporate information relating to a web site into the web key tool, wherein the request includes a link to the web site;

launching the web key tool at a second user client system in response to the second user client system receiving the request from the first user client system;

selecting an option on a menu screen's list of options provided by the web key tool, wherein the option relates to the request to incorporate the information;

associating the information and the link with a category;

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transmitting the information and the link to a central storage location associated with the web key tool;

processing the information and the link, the processing determining whether or not the information and the link are approved for storage in the central storage location, the processing including:

checking to ensure that the information and the link are complete;

checking to ensure that the information and the link are not a duplicate of information submitted by authorized system users; and

verifying that a user at the first user client system is authorized to submit the request;

and, if the information and the link are approved as determined by the processing, then saving the approved information and the approved link in said central storage location; updating related database files with respect to the approved information and the approved link; and providing authorized system users with access to the approved information and the approved link in the central storage location via an input option at the first user client system; and

if approval is not granted, the user either aborts the process or returns to the category selection option and repeat the selection process.

5. (Currently Amended) A storage medium encoded with machine-readable program code for identifying, categorizing, and sharing web site links over a communications network via a web key tool, the storage medium including instructions for causing said a computer to implement a method, comprising:

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receiving a request at a first user client system to incorporate information relating to a web site into the web key tool, wherein the request includes a link to the web site;

launching the web key tool at a second user client system in response to the second user client system receiving the request from the first user client system;

selecting an option on a menu screen's list of options provided by the web key tool, wherein the option relates to the request to incorporate the information;

associating the information and the link with a category;

transmitting the information and the link to a central storage location associated with the web key tool;

processing the information and the link, the processing determining whether or not the information and the link are approved for storage in the central storage location, the processing including:

checking to ensure that the information and the link are complete;

checking to ensure that the information and the link are not a duplicate of information submitted by authorized system users; and

verifying that a user at the first user client system is authorized to submit the request;

and, if the information and the link are approved as determined by the processing, then saving the approved information and the approved link in said central storage location; updating related database files with respect to the approved information and the approved link; and providing authorized system users with access to the approved information and the approved link in the central storage location via an input option at the first user client system; and

if approval is not granted, the user either aborts the process or returns to the category selection option and repeat the selection process.

9. (Currently Amended) A system for identifying, categorizing, and sharing web site links over a communications network via a web key tool, comprising:

an organization, comprising:

a first user client system capable of receiving a request for incorporating information related to a web site into the web key tool, wherein the request includes a link to the web site;

a data storage device for providing a centralized storage location for said link;

a second user client system for controlling access to said data storage device and managing operations provided by said web key tool;

a network link for allowing said first user client system, said second user client system, and said data storage device to communicate with each other; and

wherein the web key tool is launched at the second user client system in response to the second user client system receiving a request for incorporating information relating to the web site from the first user client system, the web key tool performing:

associating the information and the link with a category;

transmitting the information and the link to a central storage location;

processing the information and the link, the processing determining whether or not the information and the link are approved for storage in the central storage location, the processing including:

checking to ensure that the information and the link are complete;

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checking to ensure that the information and the link are not a duplicate of information submitted by authorized system users; and

verifying that a user at the first user client system is authorized to submit the request;

and, if the information and the link are approved as determined by the processing, then saving the approved information and the approved link in said central storage location; updating related database files with respect to the approved information and the approved link; and providing authorized system users with access to the approved information and the approved link in the central storage location via an input option at the first user client system; and

if approval is not granted, the user either aborts the process or returns to the category selection option and repeat the selection process.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-9, 11, 13 and 14 are allowed over the prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claims 1-9, 11, 13 and 14, the prior art of record, individually or in combination, fails to teach or suggest or render obvious the claimed invention in combination with the specific added limitations as recited in independent claims 1, 5 and 9. Specially, inter alia, the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a program, a machine, and a method for identifying, categorizing and sharing web site links over a communication network via a web key tool with launching the web key tool at a second user client system in response to the second user client system receiving a the request from the first client system and the approval processing for the information and the link (as disclosed in specification pages 5, lines 11 to pages 8, lines 16 and Figure 2).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dustin Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3971. The examiner can normally be reached on flex schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Flynn Nathan can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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